

ALLEGES THE EVASION OF THE FRANKING LAW

Representative Barnhart Accuses Members of Congress of Abusing the Privilege.

Charges that members of Congress abuse the franking privilege were made on the floor of the House yesterday by Representative Barnhart of Indiana, chairman of the committee on printing, in explanation of the printing bill, which was partially finished yesterday. The measure will be taken up again next Wednesday. It revises existing laws covering government printing and makes drastic changes in many respects. It also effects economies by stopping the printing and distribution of many useless books and papers, and will furnish to congressmen the kind of documents their districts need. In this way printing documents will not be sent to city dwellers and articles sent to rural areas will not be shipped broadcast to farmers and cattle raisers.

Explains His Charges. In explaining his charge of abuse of the franking privilege Representative Barnhart said: "If I were to give you all the reports of abuses of the franking privilege which have come to the knowledge of members of this committee it would require a considerable extension of my time, and some of it might not be accurate, for evasion of the law is usually covered up, but if I were to tell you that 750,000 speeches of a member of Congress were once sent to an agency in Philadelphia to be used by an organization to boost a high protective tariff, and that the government paid for the folding, for the envelope printing, for the franking through the mails, you would have a fair idea of the possibilities of abuse of the franking privilege. Or if I were to cite the alleged distribution of a million and a half speeches by a member of Congress through government franked envelopes by an organization which sought to exploit the issue of a combined moral and industrial question, all at government expense, you would see evidence of the abuse of the franking privilege."

Other Instances Cited. "If I were to cite you to part 63 of the hearing, pursuant to Senate resolution 22 by a Senate subcommittee of the committee on the judiciary, you would be astounded at the evidence that 220,000 copies of a selfish-interest pamphlet had been printed, wrapped and franked at government expense, sought to represent the official Department in its undertaking to recover from this selfish interest \$57,600 postage expense which the government incurred in transmitting this illegally franked document through the mails. Or if I were to tell you that a congressional campaign committee had more than 1,000,000 government-printed speech envelopes left over after a campaign, which represented a large public expense, and that these envelopes were disposed of as junk by some one unknown to a government record, you would admit carelessness, to say the least. Or if I were to show you that a certain congressional exponent of a will-o'-the-wisp political propaganda had 2,000,000 speech envelopes printed at one time, and either sent them out carrying his hallucination or wasted them, you would be justified, after knowing that a few instances of the many of the kind, in sidestepping your dignity far enough to exclaim, 'Rotten!'

GERMANY TO SEND DYES.

Representations to Britain to Gain Passage to Be Made by U. S. State Department officials are preparing to make representations to Great Britain to insure the safe arrival in the United States of 15,000 tons of dyestuffs from Germany. Noting that the German government had agreed to permit the shipment came in a note presented to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador von Bernstorff. Germany at first declined to permit shipments of dyestuffs unless in exchange for American goods, now exchanged from Germany for the blockade. The note says, however, that Germany, in realization of the fact that the blockade had seriously affected American textile manufacturers in need of dyestuffs, now agrees to permit a single shipment, with the understanding that it is not to be re-exported to Great Britain or her allies. The concession made by Germany resulted from a long series of negotiations between the two countries.

TO RAISE FUND OF \$1,000,000.

Band of 500,000 Jewish Women to Aid Destitute in Europe. NEW YORK, April 21.—A "life for a life" campaign in which 500,000 Jewish women in the United States are expected to raise \$1,000,000 a month for the needy Jews in Europe was formally launched by the women's proclamation committee of the central Jewish relief committee here yesterday. The plan is for each member to dedicate her life to saving a life. A report submitted to the meeting disclosed that subcommittees already had been formed in eleven cities in the United States to assist in the campaign. The cities are Chicago, Washington, Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Buffalo, Gloversville and Peekskill.

COSTLY FIRE IN IOWA CITY.

Blaze in University Dormitory Spreads to Business District. IOWA CITY, Iowa, April 21.—Fire, which broke out early today in the Iowa Union, a dormitory building for men students of the University of Iowa, destroyed that structure and spread to the business district, causing a total loss of \$350,000. Only a few of the rooms in the Union were occupied, as vacation is in progress. Those in the building had barely time to make their way down the fire escapes after they were awakened by the flames. Whether all escaped was not known early today, as the confusion prevented an accurate accounting of all the occupants. C. O. Powers, the trustee, and Wayne Foster, captain of the university base ball team, were among those who were forced to use the fire escape in order to reach safety.

HINT OF WAR EXPEDITES RECRUITING.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Army recruiting here was stimulated today by the announcement that recruits who wished to do so may go to the front at once. Ever since the regulars entered Mexico the number of applicants at the recruiting stations has been increasing.

Prohibits Sunday Labor in District.

Senator Jones of Washington has introduced in the Senate a bill prohibiting work in the District of Columbia on Sunday except in case of newspapers, public utilities and works of necessity and charity.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO "DADDY LONG LEGS"

Beneficiary of Donation Grateful for Help—Additional Contribution Is Needed.

A letter expressing gratitude to the individual who volunteered to play Daddy Longlegs for several weeks to each of the two families for whom the Associated Charities, through The Star, has made appeal, has been received at the office of the Associated Charities from one of the mothers of the family. This man will give \$50 to each family in addition to the \$10 a week is needed, so that this \$50 will provide for five weeks' care. In the other family the \$50 will provide for six weeks' care. Text of the Letter. The letter is as follows: "I feel it my duty to you for your loving kindness to thank you for the money you sent me. I do not know what to say to you for the interest you have in me as a stranger, having never seen each other. You cannot imagine what a help it will be to me and the children. God moves in a mysterious way to raise up strangers to help us. I would love to see you and thank you in person. May God bless you is the wish of your friend. Thanking you again, etc."

In the first family there are three little children with a widowed mother, whose husband died suddenly last fall. In the second family it is the story of a sick father in the hospital who will be unable to work for six months. In this family there are three children and his wife. Volunteers are wanted to "adopt" these little folks, so that they need not be "reared by a board of trustees," but may continue to have a mother's care. Contributions Acknowledged. Contributions sent to the Social Service House, 923 H street northwest, or to The Star will be promptly acknowledged. Receipts: For widow and three children—Previously acknowledged, \$50. M. B. L. \$1; total, \$51. For family of invalid with three children—Previously acknowledged, \$50.

INCREASE OF SEA FIGHTERS.

House Subcommittee Provides 14,000 for Navy and 3,000 Marines. An increase of nearly 14,000 men in the enlisted force of the navy and an increase of 3,000 in the Marine Corps is provided in the naval appropriation bill as drafted so far by the subcommittee having it in charge. The full committee expects to take up the measure Thursday. Other increases include a medical corps of 2,500 men, more gunners for the fleet and forty gunnery sergeants. Civilians are authorized to be appointed from technical schools for service as engineers, as recommended by the Secretary of the Navy. An appropriation of \$1,500,000 is made for erection of a naval munitions plant, expected by the committee to cost ultimately between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000. This is distinct from the general armory factory project. Some committee members declare they will support all provisions that will help put the United States Navy in the world's second rank. Advocates of such a navy hold Congress should act immediately, as naval experts say that under the present circumstances the navy is likely to drop into fourth place by 1925.

JAPAN SENDS \$365 CHECK.

Thanks Also Expressed to American Red Cross for Aid to Rota. The Japanese government has just sent to the American Red Cross a check for \$365, and hearty thanks for relief which the Red Cross furnished destitute persons on the island of Rota, in the Ladrone group, in the Pacific last summer. The island of Rota had been taken from the Germans by the Japanese, and the wartime conditions, which killed trade, rapidly reduced many of the poorer people to a starvation condition. The attention of the Navy Department was brought to their plight by the Governor of Guam, and the American Red Cross, through the cooperation of the Navy Department, authorized by cable the loading of relief stores on the U. S. S. Supply, just leaving Manila for Guam, this vessel being ordered to stop at Rota and discharge the Red Cross food. After doing this the American Red Cross notified the Japanese Red Cross of the receipt of the appeal, and they at once notified the Japanese government of the conditions in Rota.

Nearly 600 to Become Midships.

Estimates made public by Secretary Daniels show that between 550 and 600 midshipmen, the largest class ever admitted in any single year, will enter the 1916 class at Annapolis in June. Examinations for admission closed today, 1,787 candidates having competed for admission. The large class is the result of the recent act of Congress virtually doubling the membership of the academy.

Made Assistant War Secretary.

The Senate yesterday confirmed William M. Ingraham of Maryland, Me., as assistant secretary of war. He will take office at once, succeeding Henry Breckinridge, who resigned with Secretary Garrison. President Wilson sent the nomination to the Senate yesterday.

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Shepherd Check and Serge Coats At \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$5.95 Children's Silk Coats at \$4.95 and \$6.75 Children's Hats At \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.95 Children's Mulin Dresses, prettily trimmed with lace and embroidery, sizes 2 to 6 years, At \$1.00 to \$4.95

REBUILDING SALE

An Event Offering Opportunities Galore for Advantageous Savings on Your Last-Minute Easter Needs

Display of Smart Easter Millinery

Hundreds of Beautiful Trimmed Models At \$5, \$7.50 & \$10 CHILDREN'S HATS AT 95c TO \$3.95

You'll Need Some of These Dainty Undermuslins and Petticoats

To Complete Your Easter Outfit \$1.50 Undermuslins, at 99c Silk Petticoats, at \$5.00 White Satin Petticoats, all white or with dainty rosebud ruffles, fitted tops with elastic bands, at \$1.00

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Ladies' Parasols At \$2.00

Hundreds of them in all the very newest effects, plain colors, black and white combinations and beautiful Parasols in all colors with ribbon border.

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Hosiery for Easter Wear

NOVELTY SILK HOSIERY AT \$1.00 The Silk Hose in Plain Shades at \$1.00 Our Lansburgh "Lily" Hose at 69c

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The New Guimpes, Regular \$1.50 Values \$1.00

Neckwear, at 50c Maline Neck Ruffs, From 50c to \$2.50 Each Ostrich Boas, At \$1.25 and \$1.75

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An Extraordinary Value, Our "Mark of Quality" Shirts at 79c

CLASSY SILK SHIRTS

Crepe Silk Shirts in a special \$7.50 quality Men's Pajamas 79c Athletic Union Suits in a special quality checked knickerbocker, made to fit comfortably, closed crotch, 55c

Now for the New Easter Coats

Hundreds of Stylish Spring Coats At \$8.95, \$9.95 and \$10.95

Children's Coats. Regular \$9.00 Values \$6.95

Extra Special \$1.25